

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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REVISED TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, EL PORTAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MARIPOSA COUNTY

On 27 February 2008, Regional Water Board staff circulated for public comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (TWDRs) (NPDES No. CA0081759) for the subject site. The enclosed revised copy of the TWDRs includes minor revisions based on preliminary comments provided by your staff on 27 March by email. The revised TWDRs will be presented to the Regional Water Board for consideration at its 25 April meeting. Also enclosed are our responses to the formal comments provided by the Park Service on 7 April and the resulting proposed Late Revisions. We will provide the late revisions to the Regional Water Board for consideration with the TWDRs.

With its formal comments, the Park Service submitted a revised Infeasibility Report for Copper wherein the Park Service requests the Regional Water Board also consider a Time Schedule Order (TSO) concurrently with the TWDRs. Due to noticing requirements, a TSO will not be considered concurrently with the TWDRs. However, the above mentioned Late Revisions include language to be added to Compliance Schedule and Fact Sheet sections of the TWDRs that document our intent to draft a TSO for Regional Water Board consideration at a later date.

To conserve resources, paper copies of the TWDRs, Response to Comments, and Late Revisions Sheet are being sent to the Park Service only. The TWDRs are posted and available electronically on our web site at

www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board decisions/tentative orders/.

The Response to Comments and Late Revisions will be posted by to our web site by Friday, 18 April 2008.

This item is scheduled as uncontested. If you intend to contest this item, or have any questions regarding the Response to Comments, TWDRs, and Late Revisions; or are without access to the internet and would like to request a paper copies, please contact Debra Bates **immediately** by email at dbates@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 445-6281.

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Enclosures - Response to Comments (Discharger only)
TWDRs (Discharger only)
Late Revisions (Discharger only)

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